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U.S. Aid to M.E. States Hinges on Cooperation

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (UP). — Secretary of State Dulles today gave the House Foreign Affairs Committee a strong indication that future U.S. economic aid to the Middle East will be conditioned by the amount of cooperation among the nations of that area.

Dulles Well-Meaning But Unsure of Course

By Jesse Zel Lurie.
NEW YORK, Tuesday. — Dulles' radio-TV report last night was clearly that of a well-meaning person who has heard many conflicting opinions, wants to be friendly with everybody and is puzzled as to what to do.

It gives no indication how America may help solve the immediate problems of the area, peace between Israel and the Arab countries, MEDO which he virtually gave up for the time being and the most pressing problem of all, the Suez.

The refugee problem, he said, can be ameliorated by irrigation projects, but eliminating this cancer depends on a political settlement and the only positive statement on reaching peace is that it is primarily the responsibility of the parties concerned, which is Israel's viewpoint.

His suggestion for a token resettlement of the refugees in Israel must be read together with his recognition of Israel's security problem, including the present economic warfare and that the "Arabs may try to push them into the sea."

Stress on the religious interests involved in Jerusalem as an overriding political interest, is not too surprising from a man of Mr. Dulles' church connections.

While it sounds dangerous to Israel's immutable attachment to Jerusalem, it actually makes no territorial claims. Israel has always maintained that Christendom's religious interest in Jerusalem can and should be satisfied.

It is clear that the State Department would like some concessions from Israel in offering a peace settlement, although Mr. Dulles suggested concessions from both sides. Mr. Dulles said something has to pay.

Sec'y Dulles Overlooks Realities Of Middle East Relations

POST Diplomatic Correspondent
HAKIRYA, Tuesday. — Mr. Dulles' radio address of Monday night must be regarded as of considerable importance; if it does not necessarily, in every respect, foreshadow American policy, it at least gives a clue to the lines along which the man responsible for it is thinking. The picture is not altogether reassuring, though it is put together with such diplomatic skill that the meaning of some of its finer shades must be a matter of guesswork.

There is a puzzling passage on the refugees, for example. While Mr. Dulles sees clearly that most of them will have to be integrated into the life of the Arab countries, he says that some of them "could be settled in the area now controlled by Israel." This could mean at least two entirely different things; but assuming it means that Mr. Dulles believes that Israel will or can take in Arab refugees, it cannot be too strongly stressed that he is in error.

If most of the refugees can be re-settled in the Arab countries, then of them can; and the call for the return of "some" to Israel is merely a vain hankering after one of those gestures or tokens of good will which Israel will or can take in Arab refugees, it cannot be too strongly stressed that he is in error.

Mr. Dulles was manifestly impressed by "the vision and supporting energy" with which the people of Israel, under Mr. Ben Gurion's leadership, are building up their country.

Sovereign Hails British Conquest Of Mt. Everest

KATHMANDU, NEPAL, Tuesday (UP). — The British expedition was slowly descending to the world's highest peak, 29,000-foot Mount Everest.

New Zealanders Edmund Hillary, 23, and a Nepalese Sherpa guide, "Tenzing" Norgay, 29, scaled the formidable Himalayan mountain on May 29 on the Expedition's third try.

On their descent they will find awaiting them "warmest congratulations" from Queen Elizabeth, who dispatched a cable to the climbers prior to leaving Buckingham Palace for Westminster Abbey today.

On May 28, 1952, exactly one year and one day before the peak was conquered, Tenzing and Raymond Lambert, climbed to 28,126 feet on the first Swiss expedition. Unlike most Sherpas, who regard Everest expeditions as white man's folly, Tenzing's chief ambition was to scale the mountain. He succeeded on his eighth try.

It was Hillary's fourth crack at Everest. A bee-keeper by profession, he received his early training in the mountains of New Zealand's South Island.

FRENCH FIVE BREAKS ISRAEL WINNING STREAK

MOSCOW, Tuesday (AP). — Israel's winning streak in the international basketball competition came to an end today when she was defeated by France 62-45.

The U.S.S.R. remained the only undefeated team in the tournament when it swamped Egypt, 69-27. Czechoslovakia edged Hungary 44-39 and Yugoslavia played the Soviet Union today and Hungary tomorrow.

Little Jacques Desseaux left his sick-bed today to lead France to victory, putting on what was perhaps the greatest individual performance of basketball shooting in the championship.

Entering the game late in the first half, Jacques dropped a shot through the basket, but it was in the second period that Jacques scored his heroics. In his full-dress uniform and plumed hat of an Admiral of the Fleet, he was beaming too. The crowd rose and cheered their happiness, and the colour and shining brightness of the pagentry undimmed under a London sky.

MACCensures Jordan For Three Attacks

Jordan violated the Armistice Agreement on May 25 when armed forces from that country crossed the border and attacked three Israeli villages, an emergency session of the Knesset decided yesterday.

General Bennett L. de Ridder declared, Israel was censured for one violation.

(The villages are Beit Nabalia, Beit Arif and Beit Arif Bet, all near Lydda. One woman was killed, and three other women, one man, and three children were wounded in these attacks.)

The Commission adopted six motions of censure against Jordan, and called upon the Jordan authorities to prevent the repetition of acts of aggression of this type in the future.

The meeting was called to discuss the three Israeli complaints and one Jordan complaint which alleged that Israel had attacked Sa'dieh village, between Beersheba and Hebron. On the latter complaint, the Commission adopted a decision against Israel, and called upon her to refrain from such acts in future.

Before the emergency session opened, discussions were held on means to tranquillize the situation along the border. The talks were based on Israel's proposal for meetings of local commanders along the armistice lines who would coordinate activities to prevent the penetration of armed forces. The Jordan representatives promised to bring their Government's reply to this proposal within 48 hours. The emergency meeting is to be continued on Thursday.

"A-Diffa" the Old City daily reports that Jordan yesterday submitted three additional complaints against Israel to the MAC. Israel is allegedly charged with attacking Kalkilya and Habbia village, near Tulkarm, as well as permitting her planes to fly over Zeita village, near Nablia, at the beginning of the week.

It is not surprising that Mr. Dulles has concluded that MEDO is "a future rather than an immediate possibility." He could hardly have come to any other conclusion if it is true that the leaders of Iraq, for example, told him that their country was incapable of doing so.

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ELIZABETH II CROWNED QUEEN

Rain Fails to Dampen High Arduous of Coronation Crowd

By Kenneth Harris, by Cable to The Jerusalem Post
CORONATION ROUTE, LONDON, Tuesday. — Right on time, at 9.15 this morning, the first of the coronation processions to Westminster Abbey left Buckingham Palace courtyard and drove up the Mall under the great decorative arches topped with crosses. It was that of the Colonial rulers, led by the Queen of Tonga, a massive figure in an open landau, who waved and beamed at the cheering crowds.

Five minutes later, the Commonwealth Premiers came by, and a tremendous cheer went up as the chubbly and somewhat roguish-looking face of Sir Winston Churchill appeared at the window of his coach.

Despite the earlier heavy rain, the crowd was in high spirits. The sun had shone only seconds as scarlet-tunicked foot guards, Bluejackets and Royal Air Force contingents took up their positions before Buckingham Palace gates. By the time the first of the carriages for the Queen's own procession were assembling at 10 o'clock, the great circle around the Palace, surrounded by about 30,000 persons, had bloomed slowly into life and colour, red, yellow and silver-blue, like some enormous flower.

At last, the great moment arrived. The drummer at the head of the gold-coated troop of Royal Horse Guards rolled his drums and the troops moved forward. The shouts of the scarlet-coated Guards officers echoed like long bird calls as their companies presented arms. Swords flashed through the air. At the North Gate, the R.A.F. band began to play "God Save the Queen," and through the arch of the gate rolled the great golden coach bearing Her Majesty towards the Mall and to Westminster where her crown lay.

The windows of the State Coach were open. The Queen wore what looked like an enormous wrap to protect her from the cold winds. As she approached our stand, waving all the way, she leaned towards the window and gave one of her quick, happy smiles.

She looked beautiful, Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, seated beside her in his full-dress uniform and plumed hat of an Admiral of the Fleet, was beaming too. The crowd rose and cheered their happiness, and the colour and shining brightness of the pagentry undimmed under a London sky.

Garden Party in Ramat Gan

JERUSALEM POST Bureau
RAMAT GAN, Tuesday. — The coronation was celebrated in Israel at a garden party given by the British Ambassador and Lady Evans and their wives, the Knesset Speaker and Mrs. Sprinck, Members of the Knesset, members of the Diplomatic Corps, the Chief of Staff and senior G.O. officers of the Land, Sea and Air Forces, the Inspector General of Police and senior police officers, senior officials of Government Ministries, the Mayors of towns throughout Israel.

More than 40 members of the British Community in Israel crossed the lines at Mandelbaum Gate in Jerusalem yesterday to attend Coronation Church services in the Old City. They are to return today.

In a brief speech, Sir Francis said that many persons present had been privileged to attend the coronation of previous British monarchs. He noted that the British Empire had moved forward from a "tolerated imperialism" to a "sort of Commonwealth with a trend towards Socialism."

The Australian Minister, Mr. O.C. W. Fuhrman, then toasted the Queen, and Her Majesty's health was drunk in champagne by the assembled guests. The British National Anthem was played by the Police Band.

Those present at the reception included the Prime Minister and senior cabinet members, the Minister and Mrs. Sharet, Cabinet Ministers and their wives, the Knesset Speaker and Mrs. Sprinck, Members of the Knesset, members of the Diplomatic Corps, the Chief of Staff and senior G.O. officers of the Land, Sea and Air Forces, the Inspector General of Police and senior police officers, senior officials of Government Ministries, the Mayors of towns throughout Israel.

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Petah Tikva Maccabi Edge Falkirk, 3-2

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The visiting Scottish football team Falkirk suffered their first defeat when they were beaten by Petah Tikva Maccabi today, 3-2. They won two games against Tel Aviv Maccabi and Tel Aviv Hapoel last week. The stifling weather had an undermining effect on both teams, especially the Scots, who are not used to the "sharav."

Fifteen minutes before the end of the game the score was 2-0 favour of Maccabi, but Falkirk succeeded in slipping in two goals after a rushing on-

CEREMONY A SERIES OF SPLENDID PROCESSIONS

By Cyril Dunn, by Cable to The Jerusalem Post
WESTMINSTER ABBEY, Tuesday. — For us in Westminster Abbey the ceremony began after three hours of waiting with a sequence of processions, each more splendid than the last. From my seat in the South transept, although with a different structure around me, I could have watched the crowning of William the Conqueror and of every king and queen who ever reigned in England from that day to this.

The Abbey's medieval structure imposed limitations on the vision of most spectators in it. It is reasonably certain that people watching at home the television of the ceremony for the first time in history had more of a view than anyone in the Abbey. Yet it was something to see a living spectacle and to have the illusion of participating in a ritual which is mainly for the nation's Lords, spiritual and temporal. Everyone with a radio could hear the young Queen say, "The things which I have promised I will perform and keep. So help me God." But not as we heard her, the words coming to us small but resolute, in that great stone space.

The first procession of the "royal and other representatives of foreign states" arrived unseen by us. But the book of the ceremonial listed them resoundingly and reflected the old political dispositions of our times. There are today only six monarchies left in Europe, and they sent their representatives — by custom the Crown Princes — to a British Coronation — Norway, Greece, Denmark, Sweden, Belgium and the Netherlands.

Eleven rulers came from states under the Queen's protection: sultans of the east magnificently dressed and one other Queen, dark towering Queen Salote of Tonga in the Far Pacific. There were more than a dozen princes, emirs, shahs and sheikhs from east of Suez, among them the Crown Princes of Japan and Ethiopia. With them in the choir stalls was General George Marshall of the U.S. and "Monsieur" Malik from Russia.

Because so many old enemies are buried side by side in the Abbey it is known as the place of reconciliation. Opposite me was Sir Winston Churchill, the Queen's Prime Minister, and Mr. Aneurin Bevan, the most provocative figure in her Opposition.

For us in the transept, the visual drama began when processions of the Royal family moved across the gold carpet to their seats beside the Queen Mother, by temperament confident enough not to be distracted by the mere form of ceremony but freely remembering the day when she was crowned here with her husband, George VI, ten years ago. Anxious figure mistle at that stage by profoundly mistaken notions of the propriety of her presence, the Queen's sister and everyone's vision of a story book princess.

Then in time came the procession of the Queen herself, a tremendous array of martial and heraldic pomp and of great churches. Flanked by her Gentlemen at Arms, the Queen entered into the ceremony with the same proud, yet modest, bearing that she maintained through the years. The Duke of Edinburgh, a relatively minor part in the ritual, but he played it with that complete and happy confidence which is now his recognized characteristic.

The service had one major and several minor climaxes, but one eye shall always remember was the recognition. At this stage, the Queen faced the four quarters of the Abbey in turn. She was in no way raised up. She simply stood amid the crowd, her eyes on the people, her hands at her sides, and she said, "I am sure, I am sure, that the people of Israel will join in extending best wishes to the British people, and their young Queen."

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MR. DULLES and Mr. Stassen have returned to Washington and given President Eisenhower and the American public their views of the Middle East. Mr. Dulles views of the Middle East, in a radio address to the American people, Mr. Dulles has conveyed a fairly concrete outline of the proposed new policy of the U.S. in regard to the main issues with which he was confronted in these parts.

The problem as traced by Mr. Dulles is of three-fold import: It is, first, to promote peace, political independence and economic and social progress in this vast and diversified area. It is, secondly, to ensure the collective and effective defence of the Middle East against attack from outside. It is, finally, to help bring about a gradual withdrawal of Western military forces from key positions in the area without this involving any breach in the ranks of the Western Powers and any weakening of regional defence as a whole. It is clearly a problem that defies any shortcut solutions, for the three issues are closely interlocked. Without peace and normal relations between the Middle East nations, adequate regional defence is not easily conceivable.

Peace, then, is a basic requirement of the area, its conclusion is, as the American Secretary of State declared, an object which Washington should promote by every appropriate means. But to achieve that end it is of primary importance that the realities of the situation be faced and that the desire to understand the psychological approach of all sides is not carried to the lengths of accepting propaganda slogans as equivalents of objective truth. The American Secretary of State can surely be under no illusion, after the personal presentation he has formed of the people of Israel and the outlook of its leaders, as to what measure of truth attaches to the Arab insinuations of Israel's "aggressive expansion." Mr. Dulles makes the point that the Prime Minister and other Israeli officials with whom he had come in contact have asserted "convincingly" their desire to live at peace with the Arab nations.

Is there a comparable urge on the part of the Arabs to seek peace with Israel? They have consistently refused to meet Israel for peace discussions and they are giving vent to their hostility to the new State by a ceaseless war of propaganda, by constant threats of an impending "second round," by economic boycotts, by diplomatic aggression and by a guerrilla war which has of late assumed most disturbing dimensions. Having regard to the indisputable fact that in numbers and resources the Arab States command vastly superior strength, Israel's fears of a renewed Arab aggression are more substantial and better founded than the Arab bogey of "expansionist Zionism." It would hardly be conducive to the pacifying aim which Mr. Dulles has in view if his friendly words were to be interpreted as endorsement of the current threat of Arab aggression.

A caveat must equally be entered against some of the inferences which may well be drawn from the statements in the address relating to the defence of this region. It is true that many Arab States pay little heed to the threat from Soviet Communism but the reason for this is not to be found in their being engaged in a quarrel with Israel and some of the Western Powers, but in that they are indifferent to the dangers to human liberty which are bound up with the progress of Communist totalitarianism. Their detachment from the cause of the defence of the moral values on which modern civilization rests would be especially marked if there were no Israel and no Arab States. There should be no illusion on this point among those who plan the defence of the Middle East. In these circumstances, to base any overall security association on the Arab League in its present form and inspiration and to supply it with arms on the complement assumption that peace will be used for common good and not for aggression is surely to build on sand.

PURGES CONTINUE IN POLAND AND GERMANY Satellites Lag Behind Moscow

By RICHARD LOWENTHAL

THE release by the Czechoslovak Government of Mr. William Oatis, the American journalist imprisoned on espionage charges, and the new agreements on Danubian shipping concluded by Hungary with Austria and by Rumania with Yugoslavia are the first indications that the new Russian policy of détente is also beginning to be applied by Russia's European satellites.

Yet the remarkable thing is how much the political, social and propagandist lines of the satellites have so far diverged from the Soviet developments in the first two months after Stalin's death. On the whole, the satellite Communists have continued far more rigidly in the well-worn grooves of the Stalinist period than their Russian masters.

For the purposes of a comparison, the post-Stalinist changes in Russia may be summarized in five main points: 1. The present cult of Stalin has ended and emphasis of mass heroism and of Soviet achievements, which means in practice a new stimulation of living and equal stimulation of the various main instruments of power.

2. End of the purge hysteria, a limited counter-purge of those directly responsible for it and an open admission of their illegal methods, coupled with a new emphasis on citizens' rights and a large-scale amnesty for minor offences.

3. There are at least the gestures — it is too early to say whether the reality — of a temporary relaxation of economic pressure on the masses, with much talk of the need to raise the standard of living with an actual lowering of prices.

4. The new language in foreign policy, the represented readiness to come to a settlement of disputed questions with all Powers, including the United States, the gesture of international courtesy towards individuals and the real concessions in the Korean armistice negotiations at Panmunjon.

5. The deliberate soft-peddling of the Russian nationalities and the constant charges of disloyalty against minorities that used to go on in the emphasis on the unity of the Soviet Union in the spirit of "proletarian internationalism," the greater publicity given to non-Russian Communist leaders, and in that context the abrupt ending of the public campaign of anti-Semitism and the rehabilitation of the victims of false charges of Jewish, German and Ukrainian nationalism.

Leader Cult

Until the first few peace gestures referred to above, there had been no parallel at all to these developments in the satellite States — except for the end of the public anti-Semitic campaign. In the satellite States, the Stalin cult, though slightly toned



Mr. William Oatis, the United States journalist who was released after 23 months in a Czech jail for alleged spying, returns to the United States and is reunited with his wife. Express Photo.

down, has not been reduced to anything like the same extent as in Russia. The cult of their local Communist leaders — Rakosi, Bierut, Ulbricht, Gheorghiu-Dej — continues undiminished, though there seems to be some attempt to stress collective responsibility in Czechoslovakia, which has also lost its former leader, President Gottwald, and in Bulgaria as well.

Purge Continues
The international purge that was in progress at the time of Stalin's death has continued in those countries where it had not been completed by then — notably in Poland and Eastern Germany. A speech made by the Polish Security Minister Radkiewicz to a meeting of the Party central committee at the end of March and published in the Polish Communist monthly in April announced the arrest of General Komar, a former chief of military intelligence and later quartermaster-general, as an accomplice in the "treason" of the "right wing nationalist group" of former Deputy War Minister General Marian Spychalski. Though it is probable that Komar was arrested in January, the announcement clearly shows the intention to try him together with the survivors of the long imprisoned groups of the Party's former general-secretary, Wladyslaw Gomułka; the fact that Gomułka's name is no longer mentioned may mean that this veteran of the Polish Communist underground may be already dead.

In Eastern Germany, Franz Dabbert, the former head of the Party's cadre department, i.e. of its personnel policy, has now been removed from all functions "in the interest of the leadership's security" and investigation against him continues. Dabbert, a former political commissar of the International Brigade in Spain, had the misfortune to spend the war years not in Russia, but first in French internment and then in a Nazi concentration camp; like Andre Marty in France, Rakhi Rumery, London in Czechoslovakia, and Komar in Poland, and like many of the Yugoslav Communist leaders, he belongs to the militant "Spanish aristocracy" of international Communism rather than to the Moscow-trained bureaucracy. The charges against Dabbert include his "betrayal to imperialist pressure" when head of the German Communists in France in 1939 — he had the misfortune to form an anti-Fascist Legion to fight Hitler, although Russia had not yet entered the war — and his refusal now fully to admit the content of his mistakes; and also his "political blindness" in recommending to the Czech Communists after the war the "American agent" Noel Field.

Changing Names
The only aspect of the purges which seems to have been continued is the specifically Jewish one, which only came to the surface last November with the Slansky trial in Prague and reached its climax in the indictment against the Kremlin doctors, despite the fact that Slansky's brother and the former Czech Minister to Israel, Dr. Goldstuecker, were sentenced to life imprisonment last week. In Rumania, the former Finance Minister, Vasile Luca, is still kept in prison and referred to as a criminal, but Anna Luker, the former Foreign Minister's wife, is no longer mentioned; she has never been arrested and charged with crimes, only politically attacked and banished to a forced residence from which she has not so far emerged.

While a few months ago Polish Jews who had Polishized their names during the war were called upon to register with the authorities and to disclose their real identity, lately all Jews have been encouraged to legalize the change of name. In the Polish case, this has not so far done so — forcible assimilation rather than uncovering of Jewish origins is now the line.

MUSICAL DIARY
Benjamin and Warshawer also participated. The highlights of the evening were a few madrigals, those vocal capella compositions for two or more voices which originated in the Renaissance era and represented intimate chamber music at social gatherings in Italy, the Netherlands, France and England.

The soloists interpreted the smaller works with much refinement and understanding. In the last piece on the programme, Cimara's oboe concerto, Elyahu Thorne played his outstanding artistry. Mr. Albert Spalding, one of the few American violinists to have won international recognition, died suddenly at his home in New York last week at the age of 64.

His father and uncle were partners in the sporting goods firm of that name, but his mother maintained a music salon in Florence for many years and the son, who was born in Chicago on August 15, 1888, and who asked for a violin when he was seven — and merely received a toy instrument — emerged from the Bologna Conservatory at the age of 14, the youngest graduate to have done so, it is said, since Mozart. After further study in Paris under Lefort he made his formal debut at the Theatre Nouveau in Paris in 1905 and attracted much attention that season by appearing in a benefit programme with Mme. Patti.

He published compositions including a string quartet, some songs, and many more for violin and piano. In 1940 he published a book of violin studies entitled "Violin Studies" and was subsequently published a novel called "A Fiddle, a Sword and a Lady."

Israel's Flag on the Atlantic

By ROBERT GARY

NEW YORK

THE first Herta-New York run of the a.s. Jerusalem, flagship of the Israel merchant marine, may not have been a financial success, but it proved that Israel shipping has progressed to the point where it is in a position to give the old established lines real competition.

In the world-wide race for "hard currency," various countries constantly encourage the growth of their shipping companies, and have established their own brand of service and individual routes. The English Cunard Line has come to attract travellers by the "sign of the Queen," while the French Line stresses its "traditional cuisine." Shoham has apparently decided that its most profitable route lies in the Mediterranean with occasional trips to the U.S. and that in addition to good food and service, a leading attraction must be the preservation of a limited amount of Jewish and Israeli customs on board ship. The wisdom of this decision was evident during the a.s. Jerusalem's first trip to the U.S. under the Israel flag, which crew members quickly termed the 40-year-old veteran's "old-maiden voyage."

Valletta Victory

In the Mediterranean the vessel was crammed to near capacity with 700 passengers. A number of migrant Cypriots had been picked up at Limassol and 95 young Maltese citizens who were emigrating to Canada had been taken aboard at Valletta. The latter stop provided the ship's officers with the opportunity to exhibit their nautical skill. A very stiff wind was blowing and the water was extremely rough. The British and Maltese pilots

refused to accept the responsibility to negotiate the tricky entrance to Valletta harbour. Captain Eliezer Acsel, 40-year-old master, assisted by his officers, decided to handle the job himself. It was done so skillfully that several British and Maltese pilots and masters later visited the Jerusalem to congratulate the crew. The passengers were entirely unaware that anything unusual was occurring.

At Cannes more than 300 passengers disembarked, including a good number of returning American tourists. When asked why they were not continuing with the Jerusalem, which had given an excellent account of herself during the two and a half day trip, they all agreed that they had been most satisfied with the trip, but that they were on their way for another 12 days to New York when for a few more dollars we can take a luxury liner from a French port and be in the U.S. in about four days. And we have a chance to see some of Europe as well.

Spanish Port

These remaining passengers expressed sharp disappointment at being unable to land at Cannes for a few hours. The official explanation was that the French authorities had "certain difficulties" and that there was not sufficient time. Passengers pointed out, however, that they had been told in Israel they would be able to land. A welcome surprise came two days later when the vessel refuelled at the exotic Spanish Moroccan port of Ceuta, opposite the impressive rock of Gibraltar, and the voyagers had several hours to roam through the town. A large number of the 90 Jewish families living there visited the boat, asking passengers and crew for detailed information about Israel. The eight-day trans-Atlantic trip to Halifax was happily eventful. The ship was mostly overcast, some rain fell, but the ocean was

remarkably calm. The more than 400 passengers had an excellent opportunity to get acquainted and it was not before heated discussions broke out between the majority, Jewish persons who were emigrating to Canada and the minority of Israeli citizens who were going to visit or on official business. Most of the emigrants were newcomers to Israel who had simply used Israel as a stepping-stone westward. On the average they had been in the country three or four years, spoke only Polish or Yiddish with their Hebrew-speaking children.

Good Food

But there was a surprisingly stable number of old-timers who were well acquainted with the three of these were very well established garage owners from Jerusalem, Polish Jews and Halutzim. They freely admitted having settled from 11-20 in 11-20 monthly "for some years" but the chance for easy and assured profits was at an end and they felt that after 12 and 20 years in Israel they could better elsewhere. The man from Jerusalem was incensed the third day at sea when his waiter brought him margarine, the better supply having been temporarily depleted. "I never ate this stuff in Israel," he shouted, "do you expect me to start now?"

The food, incidentally, in all the three classes was of such good quality that other than the aforementioned gripe, no complaints were heard. Meat was served twice daily for an entire week. Strategically enough many Israeli families could be heard muttering about the "good old days" when the evening meal consisted of white cheese and lebanon. The sensitive ears of the ship's authorities apparently picked up this doleful yearning and a meatless amid general, if puzzling cries of satisfaction.

The decision to maintain a Jewish atmosphere aboard ship was

spurred by the great majority who unanimously voted their joy at the idea of establishing the Jerusalem as an Israeli ship. A veteran member of the Pioneer Women's Organization in Canada summed it up by saying: "Twenty years ago I visited Israel with a Jewish ship. I'm going with an Israeli ship. He another 20 years I'll visit Israel with a Jewish 'Queen Elizabeth'."

Democratic Spirit

In addition to the Hebrew and Jewish melodies that were played, the use of Hebrew and English for public announcements, the posting of attractive Israeli photographs throughout the ship and the presence of literature on the country, the passengers, especially the tourists, were impressed by the "democratic spirit" that prevented each class from being tightly compartmentalized. This was described as the "Israel equality." On the other hand, the very small number of first-class passengers objected to the number of tourist and dormitory-class persons who were "presented" with first-class cabins after Cannes.

But the most serious shortcoming was the absence of adequate facilities for the numerous children. Their "dining room" consisted of a staircase landing at the very end of the ship where every vibration was keenly felt. Furthermore, no playthings were provided and the children themselves, Captain Acsel agreed that the dining room was a "dining room" and not a "dining room." No matter what their job was, the children were to be kept in the dining room, perhaps, most of all, towards scrubbed floors and a staircase leading to the sleeping quarters in upper decks, waiters were courteous and the scenes were pleasant. The trip was indeed a performance of which both company and crew could be proud and which could only argue well for any future journey.

Readers' Letters

LIFE WITHOUT POWER

To the Editor of THE POST
Sir, — I am a mother of four children aged 4, 6, 8, and 11 months twins (sisters) and my husband is a machinist. Until two years ago we lived in the U.S.A. in a modern G.I. house. We sold the small equity we had in the house and most of our belongings in order to finance our immigration and settlement. We brought the usual things — electric washing machine, radio, iron, refrigerator, sewing machine, electric stove etc.

Eight months ago we moved away from a large cool flat, a stone's throw from Kupat Holim and a school, from a bathtub and electricity (!) to the Amidor Shikun, Kfar Ata, with all 4 children (twins then 3 months old) and the gadgets mentioned plus two pairs of soiled nappies. It was a hot day in September. I turned on the faucet in the new bathroom — no water! Because of money troubles between Solel Boneh and Amidor we were made to suffer. With the help of the city authorities we got water in our house that day and for our neighbours the next day. (Getting angry in English help!)

So for eight months I've had lots of water to wash diapers (and the rest of the clothes for the family) — water, soap, and a scrub board. In the winter my fingers were stiff and aching from cold water and my shoulders rheumatic. I can't afford help, besides I am proud to be able to "do" for myself. I tried the laundry. The clothes fell to pieces and I couldn't afford that either. Meanwhile my washing machine is rusting beneath the house, I keep ice in the refrigerator, my electric stove is unused in this country. Every two months a rumour circulates here that electricity is coming: I cleaned the machine. Once I read a letter in your column asking for some action and since then the rumours got better. But no! It's not to be — it's the "water scandal" all over again only between Amidor and P.E.C. To our 4000 they are both evasive.

All the neighbours (40 families) have conveniences of some sort, water or room heaters, radios, iron, sewing machines, lamps, etc. unusable — all by the way of waiting for our Kupat Holim and Amidor. All of them will feel the same real need and by the day electricity comes that I will.

It's a beautiful place with a beautiful view and fresh air — like Carmel Come and see us — on Shabbat — I'm not washing that day.

Yours, etc., N.B.

Kfar Ata, May 6.

P.E.C. Replies

To the Editor of THE POST

Sir, — We really regret the inconvenience that Mrs. N.B.

must be suffering in her Shikun but would point out that as far as electricity is concerned it is only a few days ago that the order for connecting of supply to Shikun Amidor in Kfar Ata was received by us.

The work is being put in hand and we trust that by July or August approximately the Shikun will be connected to the network.

Your, etc.,

The Palestine Electric Corporation Ltd.

May 22.

NEGLECTED PATIENT

To the Editor of THE POST
Sir, — My wife recently had her first confinement in a Government Hospital to which she was sent by the Kupat Holim. She has been a paying member of the Kupat Holim for several years, yet she had to pay 12.15 for four days. Before she entered the hospital someone from the municipality visited us to determine our financial standing. On the third day after delivery, my wife was informed that she was to go home the next day. As she had several stitches and was very weak, I was very surprised and asked to see the doctor. My request was refused.

As I was completely unprepared for such a costly discharge, I could not fetch her until the afternoon of the fourth day. Nevertheless her bed was removed at 6 a.m. that day. She could not sit due to stitches.

Respectfully the contributor,

Every maternity case is discharged from hospital on the fourth day after a normal delivery, owing to the enormous pressure on the wards. Still, if there are vacant beds, mothers are accommodated for an extended period.

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nor could she stand or walk about much because of weakness. Her pleas to the nurses for a bed were ignored. She was sent home ignorant of the fact that she had an internal infection, which involved untreated should have been given certain tablets to reduce the risk of a hemorrhage. But again, through not being informed of this, a hemorrhage occurred.

The hospital staff seem to think that their patients are there for corrective treatment. They appear to have forgotten that the vocation of nursing the sick is a humanitarian one. The standard of hygiene is also questionable when the bed-pans are brought at the same time as the babies are fed.

Yours etc.,

M. ROGOZINSKI

Tel Aviv, May 10.

Hospital's Reply

To the Editor of THE POST
Sir, — It seems that Mr. Rogozinsky's complaint stems from the fact that he did not at once apply to the right address. The hospital physicians are at the disposal of the public for any inquiry they wish to make and the family always receives a satisfactory answer. Mr. Rogozinsky, it appears, did not find his way to the physicians, three of whom are in continual attendance at the hospital.

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